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## **INTRODUCTION**

Kentucky coal production for 2002 was 131,402,797 tons which was 6,812,526 tons less than the previous year. In 2002, Kentucky mined 50,595,329 tons of coal by surface operations while 80,807,468 tons were mined underground.

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The following chart compares production of the various types of coal mines for the past two years:

### **COAL PRODUCTION IN TONS**

TYPE MINE	2001	2002
	22 101 277	21 027 401
Rail-Underground		21,027,481
Rail-Auger Surface		2,045,786
Rail-Auger	0	0
Rail-Surface	1,746,347	863,108
RAIL TOTALS	26,149,275	23,936,375
Truck-Underground	58.082.743	54,757,156
Truck-Auger Surface		40,274,482
Truck-Auger		968,097
Truck-Surface		5,326,076
TRUCK TOTALS	106,135,773	101,325,811
Water-Underground	4 833 967	5,022,831
Water-Auger Surface		1,117,780
Water-Auger		1,117,700
Water-Surface		0
WATER TOTALS	5,930,275	6,140,611
ALL MINES	138,215,323	131,402,797